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In re Application of:	) Art Unit: 3749
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Hiromichi AKIMOTO et al	) Examiner: A.M. Ragonese
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Appln. No.: 10/035,421	) Washington, D.C.
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Date Filed: January 4, 2002	) Confirmation No.: 2427
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For: APPARATUS FOR	) December 1, 2003
FREEZE-DRYING FOODSTUFFS	)
AND MEDICAMENTS	)

REPLY: RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Replying to Paper No. 8, the Office Action mailed  
August 29, 2003, please amend as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.